505 ocean-going vessels, and in 1954 handled imports amounting to 671,000 metric tons; exports from Keelung amounted to 235,000 metric tons. Kaohsiung, large enough to accomodate as many as thirty-seven ships of up to 20,000-ton capacity, handled 60 per cent of the island's total imports[11] and approximately 70 per cent of total exports in the year 1954. Major export commodities handled by the harbor at Kaohsiung include sugar, salt, and cement. The volume of export has fluctuated considerably in the past several years.[12]

Coastal shipping makes possible bulk transport between the western and eastern sections of the island, which might otherwise be delayed during certain seasons when typhoons damage or render the highways impassable. Shipping between the island proper and offshore islands such as Quemoy, Matsu, and the Pescadores is dependent upon small steamship and motor-powered sailing boats.

V. AVIATION

509 Formos'a most important international airport is situated at Sunghan, a suburb of Taipei. The airfields at Tainan, Makung, and Pingtung are designated as supplementary airports for emergency landings. The airfield at Sungshan is
• 507 equipped with four air-ground high frequency radiotelephone transmitters (3485 kc., 56125 kc., 8220 kc., and 13240 kc.), assuring communication

11. FOA, Mission to China, op. cit.
12. Industry of Free China, Vol. III, No.5, May 1955, Table 12.

507 with all aircraft flying within the Taiwan Flight Information Region (21°00'N, 117°30'E -- 21°00'N, 121°30'E -- 29°00'N, 123°00'E -- 29°00'N, 117° 30'E -- 21°00'N, 117°00'E). Furthermore, the airfield at Sungshan, Tainan, and Hualien have APN-2 radar for their runways. The Tainan field has two high frequency radio-telephones at 8515 kc. and 6557 kc.[13]

509 Currently, Formosa is served by Northwest Airlines (American), Thai Airways (Thailand), Korean National Airlines, and Hong Kong Airlines. Domestic air transport is the province of Civil Air Transport and Foshing Airlines. Civil Air Transport also fly China-Korea, China-Japan, China-Hong Kong, and China-Philippines routes.[14] A "round-the-island" route starts at Taipei and serves the airports of Makung, Tainan, Taitung, Hualien. Scheduled flights are available between Taipei and Hualien, and non-scheduled service is provided between Taipei and Quemoy.

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13. China Publishing Company, China Handbook 1953-54, Taipei, 1953, p.

14. Ibid.